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Letter dated 22 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to draw the attention of the Security Council to the International Atomic Energy Agency Director General's report of 19 August and enclose herewith the commentary of the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea of 22 August on the report regarding DPRK reprocessing activities (see annex).

It would be appreciated if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Press release: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson's commentary on the International Atomic Energy Agency Director General's report regarding DPRK reprocessing activities

1. The Government of the Republic of Korea takes note of the fact that the International Atomic Energy Agency revealed, in its Director General's report, that there were multiple indications consistent with the DPRK's operation of its reprocessing facilities during 2016 and mentioned that the DPRK's nuclear activities, including those in relation to facilities for reprocessing and uranium enrichment, are in violation of Security Council resolutions and deeply regrettable.

2. All nuclear-related activities by the DPRK, including the reprocessing of spent fuel rods that it acknowledged the previous week (17 August) through foreign media, are clear violations of relevant Security Council resolutions, and those activities threaten international peace and safety as well as the non-proliferation regime. The ROK Government expresses serious concern over and strongly condemns such activities by the DPRK.

3. The DPRK must clearly recognize that the international community shall not, under any circumstances, accept DPRK's possession of nuclear weapons. The ROK Government strongly calls upon the DPRK to immediately stop nuclear development and take steps towards genuine denuclearization.

4. The ROK Government commits to working closely with major countries and related international organizations to take the necessary measures and to reinforce global efforts to tighten sanctions and intensify pressure on the DPRK.